



Docket No. 60,130-1120  
01MRA0246

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Lang, et al.

Serial Number: 10/044,853

Filed: November 7, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3611

Examiner: Unknown

Title: VEHICLE SUSPENSION INCLUDING DOCK  
HEIGHT HOLDING DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
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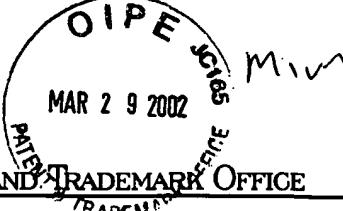
Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted dated March 12, 2002, Applicant's representative states that the required Declaration was submitted with the patent application on November 7, 2001 (as evidenced by the Utility Patent Application Transmittal form and Return Receipt Postcard, copies of which are enclosed). A duplicate copy of the Declaration is attached.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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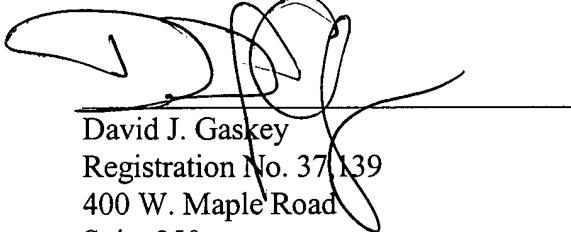
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Respectfully submitted,

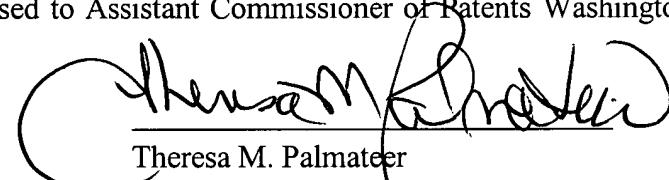
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First Inventor or Application Identifier Lang, et al.

Title Vehicle Suspension Including Dock Height Holding Device

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Specification [Total Pages 15]
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
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  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
    - i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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9.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
11.  Preliminary Amendment
12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
  - \* Small Entity  Statement filed in prior application.
  - 13.  Statement(s)  Status still proper and desired (PTO/SB/09-12)
  - 14.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
  - 15.  This application claims priority to
  - 16.  Other: Certificate of Express Mail

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